

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated November 30, 2004, claims 1-14 were pending, all of which stand rejected.

In this Amendment, claim 1-14 have been canceled and new claims 15-32 have been added. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure as, for example, the depicted embodiments and related discussion thereof in the written description of the specification.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cook; claims 6, 8-10 and 12-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook in view of Schow; and claim 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook in view of Schow and further in view of Motoyama.

Based on this amendment, Applicants submit that the above cited references, either individually or in combination, do not identically disclose and teach each limitations recited in new claims 15-32. Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit favorable consideration of those claims.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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